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Mr. John S. Tolley
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Dear Mr. Tolley:

Subject: **FY 2006-2008 STIP**

The City of Kenai requests DOT to include the following projects (that have previously been submitted) into a new revised FY'06-08 STIP.

1. Kenai Bank Stabilization Coastal Trail (ID# 16004)

This project is to construct a multipurpose bank stabilization structure and trail that will run for approximately one mile along the base of the Kenai bluffs. Preliminary planning suggests armor rock and riprap for bank stabilization with a coastal trail on top. It will begin at Kenai Avenue, at the mouth of the Kenai River, and progress along the riverbank to a new trailhead and parking area located just off Bridge Access Road.

2. Boat Launch Road Rehabilitation (ID# 9607)

Rehabilitate and pave the Boat Launch Road and the Boating Facility parking lot and construct a new exit road. Project includes striping and signage. Personal dip net fishermen from all over the state use the Boat Launch Road, parking lot, and launch ramps. Over 15,000 dip net permits for households are issued each year, and over 100,000 fish are caught in this State of Alaska Kenai River fishery. The City Boat Facility handles a lot of this fishery. This project will improve the traffic pattern and the overall operation of the Boating Facility.

3. Wildwood Drive Reconstruction (ID# 2411)

This project is to rehabilitate Wildwood Drive from the Kenai Spur Highway to the Wildwood State Prison. The road is approximately a mile long and 30-feet wide. Wildwood Drive is falling apart past the point of repair and must be completely replaced.

4. Overland Avenue Pedestrian Walkway (ID# 9606)

This project is to construct a concrete sidewalk along Overland Avenue from Mission Street to Main Street. Project includes pedestrian improvements, historic lighting, and visitor amenities. The sidewalk would be about 1,500-feet long and 5-feet wide. It will connect the Kenai Visitor and Cultural Center through historic Old Town Kenai to the Russian Orthodox Church.

5. Kenai Beach Road (ID# 2397)

Rehabilitate beginning at the bottom of the hill on South Spruce Road and continue along Kenai Beach to the mouth of the Kenai River (approximately .5 mile). Includes excavation of soft spots, paving, drainage and a parking area for vehicles. Project will include interpretive signage. This road and parking area is heavily used during the State of Alaska personal dip net fishery.

Sincerely,



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cc: Alaska DOT&PF, STIP Comments, Juneau